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In the following pages it is proposed to treat briefly of the Disease called by Doct^r Cullen and others Amenorrhoea. To this disease the female sex are continually subject after they have arrived at that age at which the menstrual discharge is instituted; and their constitutions frequently suffer considerable ravages by its continuance. It is then highly necessary that we should be completely acquainted with its causes, Symptoms, and cures.

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of the menstrual flux, has been divided into two kinds: Retention, by which is understood that unnatural state of the system, which exists when the menses do not appear, at their usual or proper period of life, and ~~disappearance~~ which is the stoppage of their periodical return, by any other cause than conception, before that age at which they naturally disappear. This distinction however, does not seem to be of much use in leading us to the cure.

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they naturally should appear, varies in different climates
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climate however the most frequent period of their occur-
rence is about the four month year. Sometimes they
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out their absence producing any symptoms of disease.
Neither is it easy for us to say, when we may suspect
suppression merely from date, as the period of
their recurrence, and the time of their final resolu-
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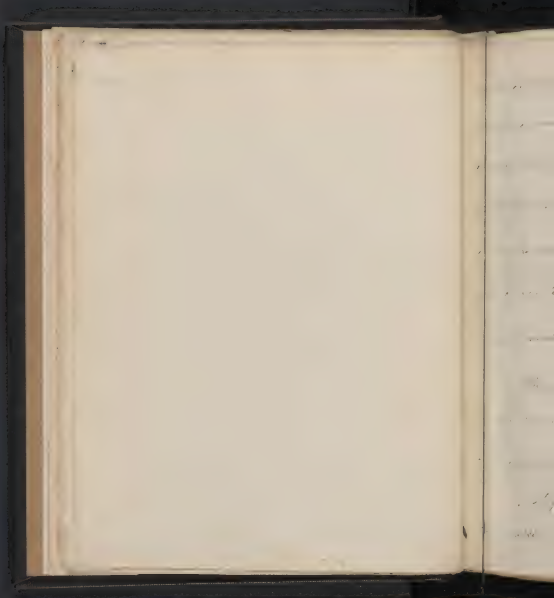
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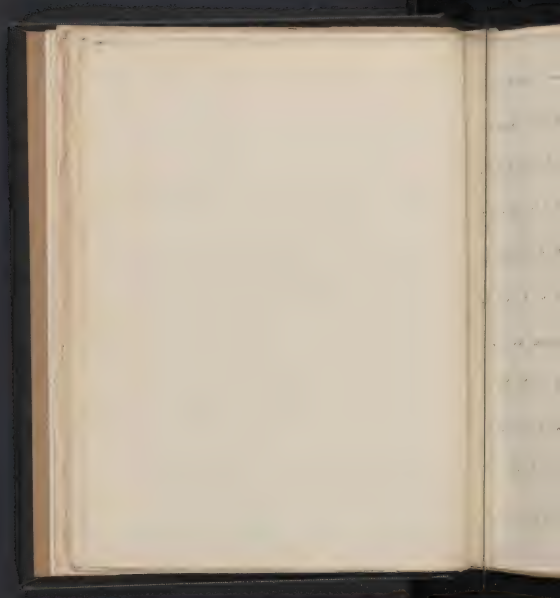
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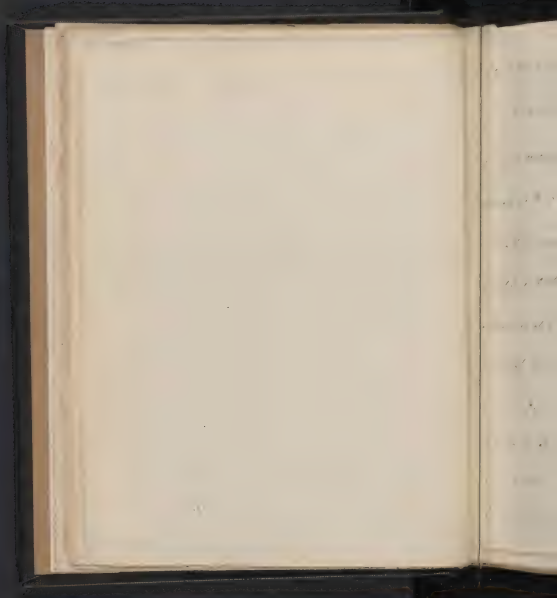
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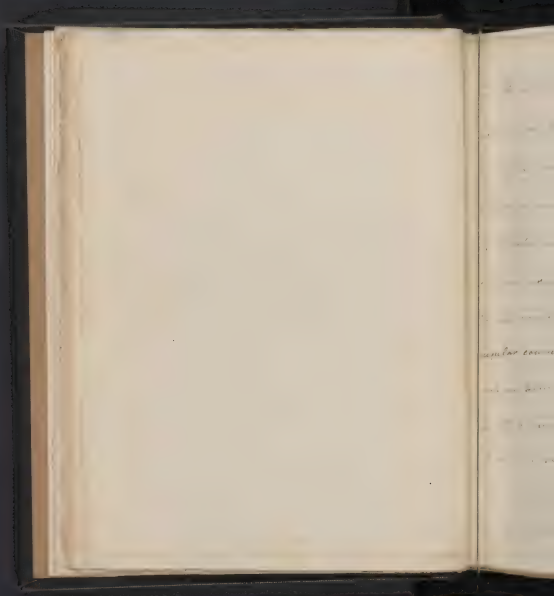
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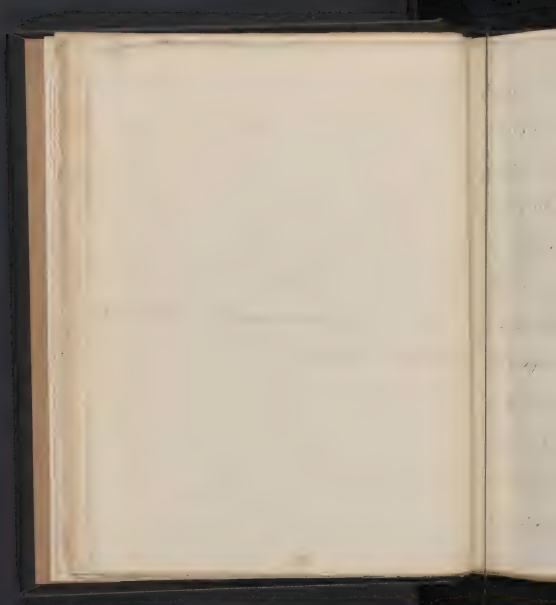




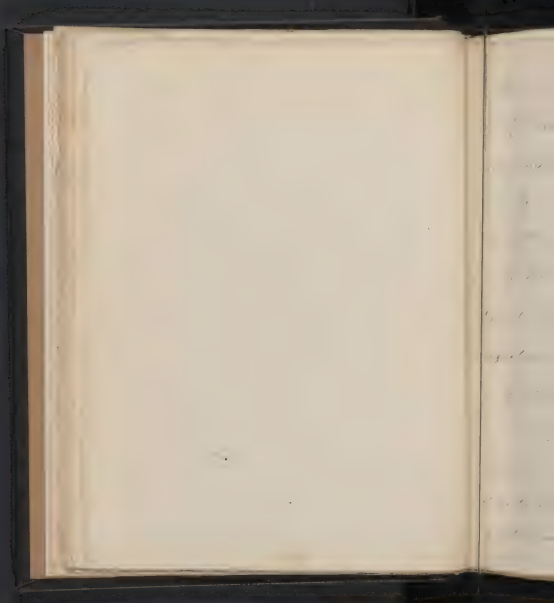
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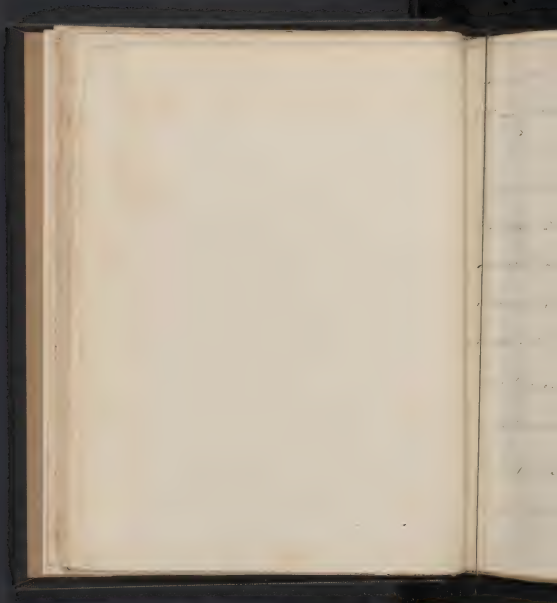


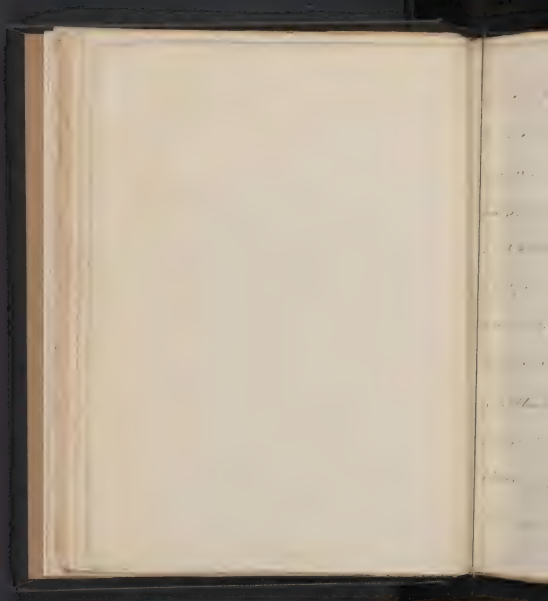


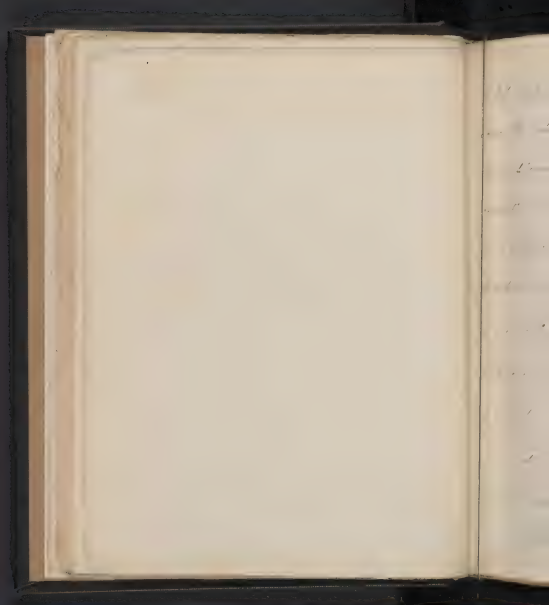


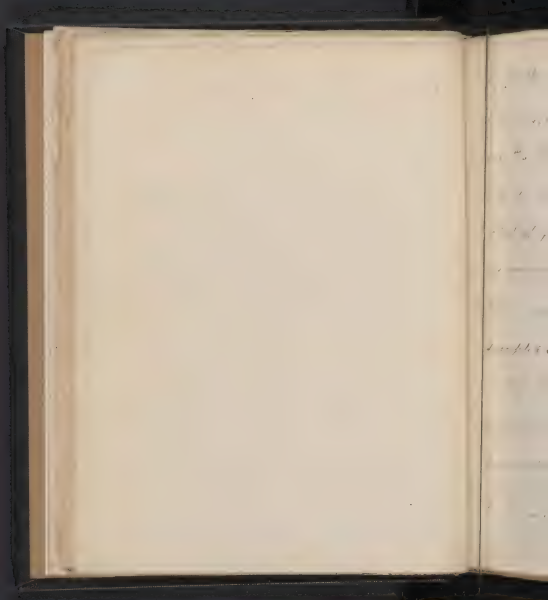


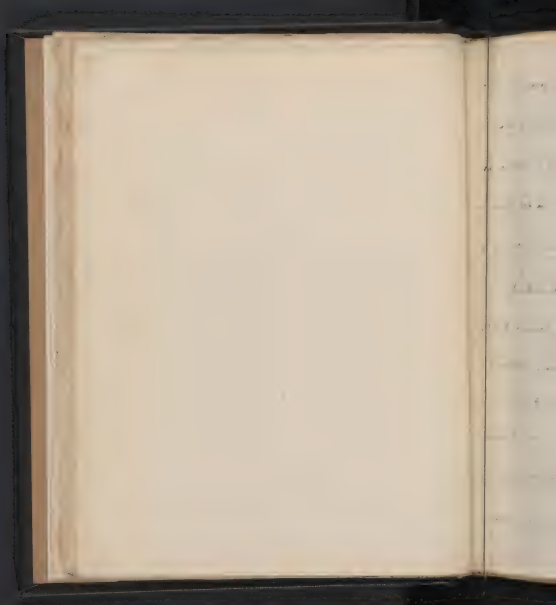






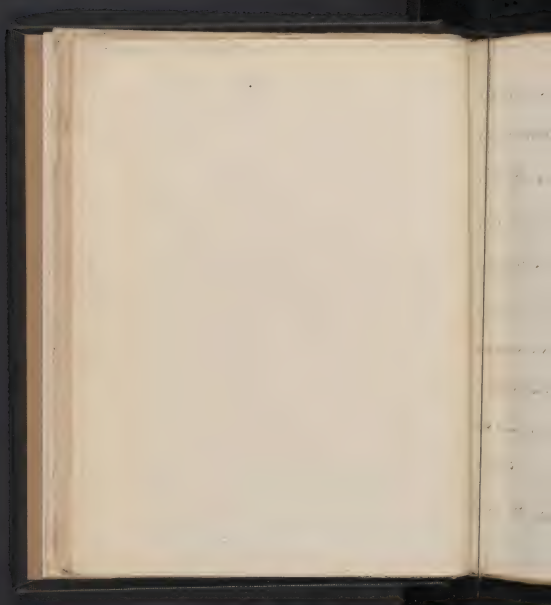


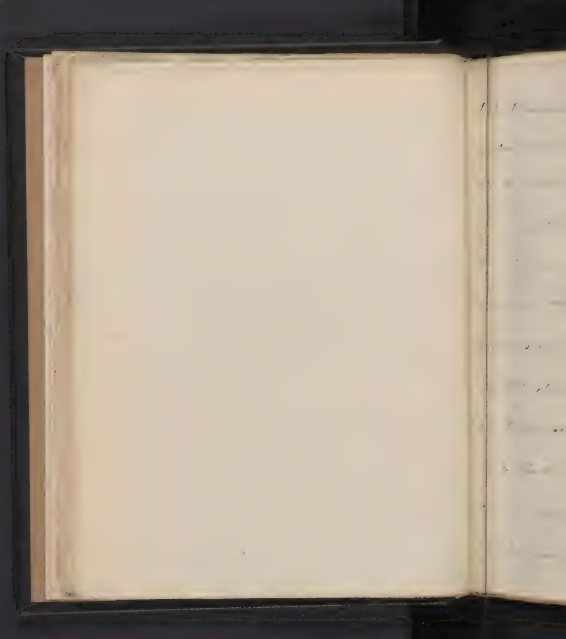




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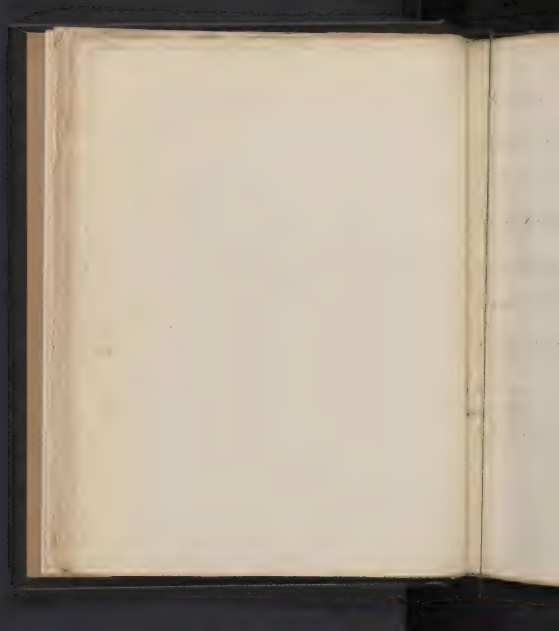
The second of the year was a very warm one
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pleasant and the people were much
rejoiced. The third of the year was a
very cold one and the snow lay on the
ground for several days. The weather was
very disagreeable and the people were
much distressed. The fourth of the year
was a very warm one and the snow
melted. The weather was very pleasant
and the people were much rejoiced.





I have a great deal to say to you, but
I have not time to say more than that
I am your friend and will be so
as long as I live.

Yours truly,
John Adams



Bloodletting. The admirable effects of this remedy in suppression of the Menstrua have been witnessed by all who have used it when the Pulse and other symptoms did not forbid its use. I believe that ten or twelve cases of Amenorrhoea will require the use of the lancet in small but frequent quantities. This remedy is of primary importance, but a proper application of it will require our strictest attention to the Pulse and other symptoms.

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The conclusion of this short and imperfect Essay gives me an opportunity of tendering my thanks to the Professors of this Institution, for the advantages I have derived from their lectures. To Professors Barton and Cox I will all ways feel a pleasure, in offering acknowledgments for attentions and politeness, much greater than I had a right to expect.

Among the sensations arising in my mind I cannot suppress my regret at leaving the University and bidding my public Instructors in Medicine Adieu!

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